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12 SOVIET VICE CONSUL KLINOV WHO KNOWS HIS OFFICER NIK CLAYTON RUSKY

FOR FIRST TIME AT CONSULAR CORPS FUNCTION ON 9 AUGUST AND INVITED LATTER

TO LUNCH BREAK DAY. KLING: USED LUNCH AS PRETEXT OBTAIN PRO 1 INFO AND

DISCUSS BERLIN. HE ASKED NO QUESTIONS RE UNITED STATES POLICY BUT

EXPRESSED SOV POSITION, STATING BERLIN WILL BE TEST OF SOVIET DASH UNITED

STATES FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND INSISTED SOVS WOULD SIGN PEACE TREATY

HE DID NOT MENTION TITOV FLIGHT OR SOV MILITARY POWER. POUCHING

DETAILS:

2. VIKTOR ZEGAL, SOV SECOND SECY WHO KNOWN HIS OFFICER INVITED

DEBASTY SECOND SECT SELLIN TO LUNCH 6 AUGUST FOR FIRST TIME. MAIN TOPIC

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WAS BERLIN CRISIS. ZEGAL ASKED SELLIN REPEATEDLY WHY U.S. WILLING FIGHT
OVER BERLIN AND WHY USSR AND AMERICAN WHO FORMER ALLIES NOW IN OPPOSITION
ON THIS ISSUE. ZEGAL QUOTED NEWS STORIES STATING FRENCH AND
ITALIANS NOT WILLING RISK WAR OVER BERLIN. REPEATED ATTEMPTS
MISCONSTRUE U.S. POSITION GAVE IMPRESSION ZEGAL WISHED REPORT
CONFIRMATION FROM U.S. OFFICIAL OF VALIDITY SOVIET AIMS IN GERMANY. FULL
REPORT ON CONVERSATION IN AMEMBASSY AIRGRAM A-18 DATED 13 AUGUST 61.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: ACTION UNIT DETERMINED AS THOUGH INDICATOR REDWOOD USED
Requested all EET and details needed to interpret the significance
of Soviet use of agent assets and other intelligence channels for estimate of U.S. and
Allied position and intentions in Berlin.

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